

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 3530 - SB 3403

February 15, 2010

SUMMARY OF BILL: Establishes a 30-day enrollment period beginning July 1, 2010, for a special education teacher having between five and seven years of teaching service in his or her employing local education agency (LEA) to enroll in a health insurance plan for local education employees offered by the LEA if the LEA agrees to pay any additional costs for the coverage.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – There will be an increase in expenditures for any LEA that decides to participate in the proposed health plan coverage to pay for the additional costs. While there are several unknown factors, it is reasonably estimated that the increase in local expenditures will exceed \$100,000.

Assumptions:

- Any increase in local expenditures resulting from an increase in special education teacher enrollment into the local education health plan will be covered by the additional costs paid by the employing LEA.
- According to the Department of Finance and Administration, the Local Education Insurance Committee could establish a surcharge or separate premium to cover the additional costs for the enrollment population.
- The exact amount of increased expenditures is not quantifiable due to several unknown factors, such as which LEA will agree to pay for the additional costs, the number of special education teachers who would enroll, and the amount of surcharge the Local Education Insurance Committee will set, if any.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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